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SUBJECT: OFFSET

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1. ECON/COMM MIN MADE POINTS OUTLINED REFTEL TO HERMES MORNING OF JULY 1.
2. HERMES EXPLAINED THAT HIS COMMENT ON OFFSET HAD COME UP BY ACCIDENT AT THE CONCLUSION OF A PRESS BRIEFING FOR THE FOREIGN PRESS ON THE FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR DEAL. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BRAZILIAN BRIEFING CRAIG WHITNEY OF THE NEW YORK TIMES ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF OFFSET TO WHICH HERMES HAD MORE OR LESS REPLIED ALONG THE LINES REPORTED EARLIER BY EMBASSY. HERMES EXPRESSED REGRET THAT WHILE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION, SOME OF IT DISTORTED, WAS GIVEN TO HIS COMMENTS ON OFFSET THE AMERICAN PRESS GAVE ALMOST NO ATTENTION TO HIS LONGER EXPOSE ON THE BRAZILIAN TRANSACTION.
3. HERMES THOUGHT THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, IT WOULD BE BEST TO AVOID ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMENT ON OFFSET AT ALL. HE SEEMED AGREEABLE TO THE PUBLIC STANCE SUGGESTED IN PARA 3D OF REFTEL FOR CONTINGENCY USE, ALTHOUGH HE HAD SOME SMALL PROBLEM WITH SAYING THAT THE QUESTION WAS UNDER "ACTIVE" CONSIDERATION ON THE GERMAN SIDE.

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